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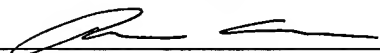
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POLYMER SURFACE TO A
CONDUCTIVE OR
SEMICONDUCTIVE SURFACE
AND ITS APPLICATIONS

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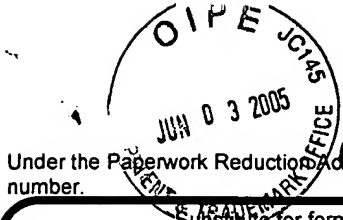
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